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<p>(54) Title: AN EDUCATIONAL TOOL, ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM OR SEARCH TOOL</p> <p>(57) Abstract</p> <p>An educational tool, search tool or entertainment system comprising one or more identification means (1) each associated with an item, a reader (2) for detecting and interrogating the identification means (1) to identify the item associated therewith and processing means (4) operable to react in a predetermined manner to the identification of a detected item. There is also provided a method of providing entertainment or educational information or searching comprising the steps of: providing one or more items with detectable identification means (1); detecting an item; interrogating the item and identifying the item from the identification means (1); and providing information in response to the identification of an item.</p> <p>The diagram illustrates a central rectangular unit with several components. At the top left is a horizontal slot labeled 3. To its right is a vertical slot labeled 4. Below these are two horizontal slots labeled 5 and 7. At the bottom left is a horizontal slot labeled 9. On the right side, there is a vertical slot labeled 6 containing a curved bracket labeled 8. A horizontal slot labeled 10 is located at the bottom right. An arrow labeled 2 points to the top left corner of the central unit. To the right of the central unit, there are five smaller rectangular boxes labeled 1, each connected by a dashed line to a corresponding number (1, 1, 1, 1, 1) below them, indicating multiple items.</p>			